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1. The following were present:

*Mr. Trexise	State
Mr. Kain	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Lieut. Madden	Navy
25X1A0 Major Malone	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)

*Deputy Director, OIR

2. Maintenance

The Chairman spoke at some length on the serious defects noted in many of the contributions under the Maintenance Program. Of the 49 maintenance sections processed by D/B, 70% were in Category II or lower; in view of the previous work done on these sections, the maintenance should produce Category I in all cases. The principal difficulty in the matter appears to arise from failure on the part of contributors to have laid on a full fledged collection effort as a basis for such maintenance. It also appears that too little attention has been given to correcting unsatisfactory portions of the original sections on which maintenance is undertaken. The criteria set forth in the proceedings of NIS Committee Meeting No. 159, 11 December 1953, have not been observed in many instances.

The Committee agreed that every effort should be made to correct this situation. It was felt that analysts should be more fully informed on the requirements for maintenance. To this end the Chairman said he would have a guidance memorandum prepared for use of all NIS contributors.

3. Release of NIS to Export-Import Bank

The request by the Export-Import Bank for NIS sections on certain Middle Eastern countries was approved by the Committee and the sections specified have been released on an ad hoc basis, in line with the suggestion of the Army member at NIS Committee Meeting No. 170.

4. Proposed Changes by Army in the NIS Program

a. The Chairman said that a working committee composed of Dr. Strong from State, Lt. Colonel Regan from Army, and Dr. Porterfield of D/B held a

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meeting last week on the proposal for combining Section 45 and 46 into one section, "Public Health and Welfare". The chairman of the working committee reported to him that, as a result of that meeting and further discussions, it was apparent that there was broader interest in this matter than was reflected in the presently constituted committee. He therefore recommended that the working committee be augmented by representation from Navy, Air Force, and OSI/CIA for a fuller examination of the problem.

The NIS Committee concurred in the recommendation and steps were taken to appoint the additional representatives to the working committee.

b. Further discussion on Army's proposal to substitute the phrase "joint concurrence" for "joint assistance" in certain NIS Sections reaffirmed the Committee's views that the proposal would lead to a formalized procedure, appropriate to the estimates field, but incompatible with the procedural requirements of basic intelligence. The Committee agreed that "joint assistance" involves a reciprocal responsibility: on the part of the primary agency to consult with the assisting agency having vested interests before starting production on such sections; on the part of the assisting agency to offer the primary agency every assistance within its competence and capabilities. The assisting agency may review such contributions to assure itself there is adequate presentation within the area of its vested interests. Should there be unresolved problems resulting from this procedure, it would be proper to consider them at the NIS Committee level.

The Army member said that he would again review this matter with his Agency.

c. With reference to Army's proposal to reduce over-all NIS commitments, the Chairman reported that the 1955 Production Schedule, which reflects all contributing agency capabilities, calls for production of 524 Sections, broken down by agencies as follows:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>No. of Sections</u>	<u>Percent</u>
OIR	158	30 %
Interior	52	10
Agriculture	6	1
State (Total)	216	41 %
Army	129	25
Navy	64	12
Air Force	32	6
CIA	83	16

The Chairman pointed out that this production will fully satisfy the JCS requirements. It therefore appears that these requirements are reasonable and within the capabilities of the intelligence community.

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5. Chapter VI on Bloc Areas

In considering the proposed production schedule for Chapter VI on the Bloc areas (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 170), the State representative objected to approval of the schedule on the grounds that formal transfer of the allocation of production responsibility from State to CIA had not been approved in accordance with the provisions of NSC ID No. 3; that State desired to retain that responsibility, at least for Sections 60 and 65 of the Bloc Areas; and so providing, that State could produce a larger number of sections 60 and 65 during FY 1955 than reflected in the proposed schedule.

The Chairman replied that approval by the NIS Committee of a schedule for Chapter VI on the Bloc Areas was necessary at this time to assure effective production during the next fiscal year. He noted that discussions had been proceeding for some months between CIA and State on the transfer of production responsibilities. The IAC level of these discussions precluded the necessity for the NIS Committee to engage in the matter. It therefore follows that the Committee should adopt a schedule contingent upon the formal transfer of production responsibilities.

With the understanding that the proposal involved only the tentative production schedule for Chapter VI on the Bloc Areas, the Committee approved the schedule without change.

6. [REDACTED]

The Chairman reported on a recent discussion he had with [REDACTED] advised that the development of Chapter VIII is still under consideration [REDACTED] and will probably be done (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 168). He noted that some of the materials in NIS 66 are obtained from private sources, and he requested the Chairman to caution the members and users against the possibility of their falling into private hands.

The members requested copies [REDACTED] as follows:

State	- 6 copies - to be sent to IAD of State
Army	- 50 copies - regular dissemination
Navy	- 20 copies - regular dissemination
Air Force	- 20 copies - regular dissemination

The members also requested that chart portfolios on Port Studies be included in the additional copies which they will receive.

7. Supplement V Considerations

The Chairman proposed that the Committee examine the petroleum intelligence requirements for the NIS with the view to ceasing further production of Supplements V. He pointed out the rather extensive geological and exploration

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requirements set forth therein. He felt that on the most important oil producing countries such extensive requirements have been necessary. With other areas, and as a basis for maintenance, an augmented Section 62-C should be adequate. With this in mind D/B staff has developed revised requirements for 62-C as the basis for discussion.

The Committee concurred in the proposal and appointed a working committee comprising representatives from State, Army, CIA, and Interior to meet at an early date to study the problem.

8. Miscellany

a. The Committee members were not prepared to give their agencies' views on the release of Chapter IX, NIS 39, [REDACTED] until the next meeting. ^{25X1X7}

b. The Chairman reported that the revised Outline and Outline Guide for Section 38 submitted by the Army member at the last meeting had been reviewed by the D/B staff and found in order and a considerable improvement over the previous one. The Outline and Outline Guide for Section 38 were approved with one minor change.

c. The Army member brought up the question of establishing an authority to be accepted on population figures. The State member was requested to obtain this information and present it to the Committee at the next meeting.

d. The Army member requested that a couple of pages now contained in the "Troop Operations Program" which deal with the NIS be declassified inasmuch as they are the only classified pages in the entire document. The document was left for examination by D/B.

e. The Army member proposed that the Committee be more selective in items released to non-IAC agencies and require that justification of need to know be more specific. He cited in particular the release of the entire Chapter II to Agriculture, when it would appear that all they really need are Sections 23 and 24.

9. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 25 May 1954.

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